

## **REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks presented herein.


Claims 1 to 8, 12, 13 and 15 to 18 stand allowed and all other claims have been cancelled.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 97/42197 which, according to the Examiner, discloses polymers made by catalytic polymerization of propylene oxide, lactic acid and/glycolic acid. The cancellation of claim 14 obviates this ground of rejection.

The Examiner objected to the disclosure since, in his opinion, the drawing was a part of the specification. Applicants did not intend the drawing to be a portion of the specification and it was intended to be submitted as a regular drawing as can be seen by the indication of Fig. 1 at the top of the page. The Examiner is requested to take whatever action is necessary to withdraw the drawing from the specification which was not intended and it is intended to be submitted as a separate drawing.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, it is believed that the application is now in condition for allowance. Therefore, favorable reconsideration of the same is requested.

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